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SUBJECT: SUGAR: HONDURAS TREATMENT OF HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE
DECISIONS ON SUGAR ACT EXTENSION

REF: STATE 92672

1. EMBASSY, BEFORE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOH, WOULD APPRECIATE
RATIONALE FOR TREATMENT HONDURAS UNDER HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE
DECISIONS ON SUGAR ACT EXTENSION.

2. TREATMENT OF HONDURAS IN SECOND CLASS OF COUNTRIES BOUND
TO HAVE REPERCUSSION OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOH. THIS
CONDITION AGGRAVATED BY HONDURAN INDUSTRY PLANS FOR
EXPANSION OF REFINING CAPACITY, INCLUDING PURCHASE OF
SUGAR MILL BY AZUCARERA HONDURENA FROM PUERTO RICO AND
EXTENSIVE REPLANTING PROJECTS FOLLOWING TWO YEARS OF
DROUGHT CONDITIONS. WHILE EXPORTS TO U.S. IN 1974
EXPECTED AT 5,000 TO 7,000 TONS, WHICH IS BELOW QUOTA,
PRODUCTION IN 1975 SEASON COULD EXCEED WHAT MIGHT BE
EXPECTED AS "NORMAL" QUOTA AS INDICATED BY HISTORICAL
POSITION OF HONDURAS UNDER SYSTEM.

3. GULF AND WESTERN IS ALSO INTERESTED IN VERY SIZEABLE
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SUGAR REFINING COMPLEX IN AGUAN VALLEY (TEAM OF FIVE EX-

PERTS IS ARRIVING TODAY FOR ONE WEEK SURVEY PRIOR TO MEETING WITH GENERAL LOPEZ ON MAY 17.)

4. PROMPT GUIDANCE REQUESTED IN VIEW OF LIKELY GOH REACTION TO TREATMENT INDICATED REFTEL.
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